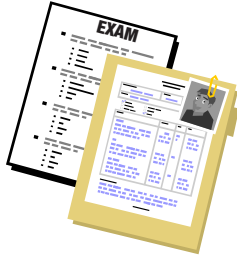


Helping Students Navigate the Path to College

Gaining access to college remains a challenge for many low-income and first-generation students who a) are not academically prepared or b) lack knowledge about how to apply to and pay for college. A panel of experts has identified four research-based recommendations for improving access to postsecondary education.

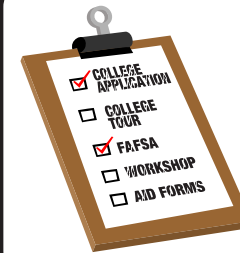
Assess and Intervene

- Identify existing indicators to provide an estimate of college readiness
- Use performance data to inform students about their college readiness
- Create individualized plans for students who are not on track



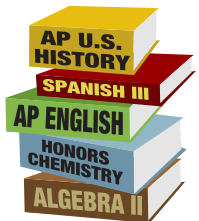
Assist with College Entry

- Ensure students prepare for, and take, the appropriate admissions exams early
- Assist students in their college search and in completing college applications
- Help students and families understand and complete financial aid forms



Prepare Students Academically

- Implement a curriculum that prepares all students for college
- Ensure that students understand what constitutes a college-ready curriculum
- Develop a four-year course trajectory with each 9th grader



Foster College Aspirations

- Provide mentoring for students by recent graduates or other adults
- Use extracurricular activities to facilitate student relationships with college-going peers
- Develop opportunities for career exploration and postsecondary planning

